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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: EPP TRAVEL

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1. AS OF 9 SEPT. 1976, ICEM SHOWS EPP DEPARTURES OF 5459 REFUGEES, LEAVING A BALANCE IN THAILAND OF ROUGHLY 4400, MOST OF WHICH ARE TO BE MOVED PRIOR TO 31 OCT. 1976. OF THESE 4400 WE HAVE SPONSORSHIPS ON 1400 WHO, EXCEPT FOR MEDICAL AND ADMIN HOLDS, ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPARTS BEFORE 20 SEPT. WE NEED, THEREFORE, SPONSORSHIPS ON ABOUT 3000 PEOPLE TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM. (FYI, LAST SPONSORSHIP CABLE RECEIVED 9 SEPT. IS STATE 222525.) REFS A AND B LIST CASES W/O SPONSORSHIPS AS OF 8 SEPT.

2. ICEM REQUESTS ASAP PROJECTION OF RATE OF SPONSORSHIP FOR THE REMAINING REFUGEES IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY PLAN BOOKINGS FOR LATE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER. ICEM NEEDS TO HOLD OUT APPROX. 370 REFUGEES FOR 15 OCT. CHARTER, AND, IF LARGE NUMBER OF SPONSORSHIPS ARE NOT PLANNED FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS, WILL START HOLDING CASES NOW, AND ADVISING AIRLINES TO RELEASE BLOCKED SEATS. WE HAVE ALREADY RELEASED 470 SEATS FOR PERIOD 1-16 SEPT, AND PLAN ON RELEASING ABOUT 250 FOR 19 SEPT. (FLIGHT MANIFEST MUST UNCLASSIFIED

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CLOSE 11 SEPT. TO PROVIDE MINIMUM ARRIVAL NOTIFICATION TO

SPONSOR). SPONSOR CABLES RECEIVED 11 SEPT. ON WILL BE BOOKED FOR
FLIGHTS SUBSEQUENT TO 20 SEPT.

3. EXCLUDING THE CHARTER, ICEM HAS OCTOBER SEATS AVAILABLE
AS FOLLOWS: 1-10 OCT, 1300; 11-20 OCT, 1470; AND 21-31 OCT,
1210 SEATS, OBVIOUSLY MORE THAN REQUIRED, IF SPONSORSHIP
ARRIVE IN A PHASED MANNER OVER THE NEXT 30 DAYS.

4. IMMEDIATE PROBLEM IS ESTIMATE OF SPONSORSHIPS OVER NEXT TWO
WEEKS IN ORDER THAT WE MAY MAKE DECISION AS TO WHICH REFUGEES
TO HOLD FOR 15 OCT. CHARTER. ADVISE.
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